

Board of Commissioners

January 28, 2008 – 9:04 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Civil War Ball

Gay Ann Harney asked permission to use the courthouse for a Civil War Ball in conjunction with the Lincoln Celebration. It will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will dress in period dress and period music will be played. There will be no alcohol served. Gogel made a motion to approve the request. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Lincoln Re-Enactment

Harney also asked for permission to use the courthouse lawn for a re-enactment of Lincoln's last visit to Rockport. If the weather is bad, it would need to be moved inside the courthouse. The event will be held on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Logsdon made a motion to approve the request. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Ambulance Service

Dr. Ted Troyer and Jane Stout came before the commissioners to announce that the Spencer County EMS is now an Advanced Intermediate Service. Troyer explained that the EMTs can perform and administer drugs at a level of about 90% of a paramedic. Troyer stated it was researched and determined that this level provides the highest level of services while being the most cost efficient. He further stated that most all of the expenses to reach this level of service were covered by grants. A grant for \$80,000 enabled the EMS to upgrade defibrillators to send information to a receiving facility over a fax machine. Spencer County Fire Departments were the first in the area to have the capability to use defibrillators. Since the program was started on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 there have been three pre-hospital saves.

Troyer also stated that the EMS personnel are very stable and employee satisfaction is high due to the quality of the equipment.

Rininger stated that he appreciates all of the work done to receive the grants and a price cannot be put on the ability to save a life.

Logsdon asked if they were going to let residents know about the increase in services and how it was paid for mostly by grant money. Troyer stated this meeting was the first announcement.

Discussion was had on MRSA, the antibiotic-resistant staph infection, and educating school children on how to prevent spreading.

Gogel thanked everyone involved for all of their hard work and thanked Dr. Troyer for 20 years of service.

Charlie McMican was present at the meeting and gave his endorsement for the wonderful work that the EMS does.

Animal Control Ordinance

Gogel requested that the Animal Control Ordinance be tabled until the Animal Control Board has a chance to meet and review. Shelton stated that there have been no comments received since the ordinance has been put on the website.

Logsdon stated that in the section regarding impoundment, there is a mention of the daily boarding fee but not a fee to pick up and transport an animal. He asked if one needs to be added or if it is included in the boarding fee. Gogel stated he will address the subject at the next animal control board meeting.

Gogel made a motion to table the ordinance until after the Animal Control Board meets. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Repeater Antenna at St. Meinrad Abbey

Rininger explained that the commissioners received a quote for the building needed for the repeater antenna at the St. Meinrad Abbey from Harmonic Electronics for \$5,750. Gogel stated he felt the quote was too high. Gogel will contact Randy Yoder of Harmonic Electronics regarding the quote. The quote was tabled until the meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

EMA Director Perdue was present and stated that the county currently owns a tower and asked if the quote included a new tower. Gogel stated the county will be moving the current tower being used.

#### Disaster Resistant Community (DRC)

Perdue explained that the Disaster Resistant Community (DRC) requested a county donation of \$5,000. Perdue stated that the local CERT program and disaster preparedness are not dependant on the DRC. He stated that a donation is not necessary and the money is not in the budget. Logsdon complimented Perdue on the status of the county's preparedness. Gogel made a motion to not send a donation. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. Shelton was asked to send a letter to Christine Martin, the Executive Director of DRC.

#### Public Safety Building Grant

Perdue and Lisa Gehlhausen explained that the grant for the proposed public safety building is due on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Gehlhausen asked the commissioners to re-sign a resolution authorizing the submission of the application; the first time it was signed it had the wrong date. Gehlhausen stated that the amount decided on to request was \$2,517,990 with a local share being \$839,330, for a total of \$3,357,320. The county should hear the results of the grant in June. There are two bills associated with the re-working of the plans and the re-submission of the grant. The Indiana 15 work order / contract for professional services is \$2,000. The Universal Design bill is \$2,201.25. Gogel made a motion to request an additional from COIT for \$2,000 to pay Indiana 15. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. Gogel made a motion to request an additional from COIT for \$2,201.25 to pay Universal Design. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

#### New SR 231 and CR 350

Logsdon informed Highway Superintendent Painter of a potential problem on the new SR 231 at CR 350 New Bethel Road. He stated that in the south bound lane there are no guard rails on the west side of the road and there is a large drop off. It should be brought before INDOT.

#### Tower Donation

Perdue stated that two towers have been donated by the Corp of Engineers at the Newburgh Dam. Discussion was had on if the highway department could help transport the towers. Perdue is contacting crane companies to see about taking the towers down.

#### Locking of Courthouse Doors

Shelton prepared a memo from the commissioners regarding a policy to make sure the doors of the courthouse are locked after hours. The new policy reads as follows:

To ensure the security of county employees and to prevent theft and vandalism of county offices, the Board of Commissioners requests that anytime a visitor is in the courthouse after 4:00 pm that they be escorted to the door so the door can be locked behind them. In addition all doors should be double checked by any employee leaving after normal closing hours.

The commissioners asked Shelton to send the memo to all offices.

#### Disaster Survey Plans

Rininger stated that he received a Presidential Directive instructing the county be prepared in the case of an emergency so that government operations can continue. To begin the process Shelton prepared a short survey for all offices asking for their basic minimum requirements to keep their offices open on a short term emergency basis.

#### Covered Bridge Certification

Shelton asked the commissioners to sign the county's Covered Bridge Certification. The county has only one covered bridge – Huffman Bridge. Logsdon made a motion to sign the certification. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Claims

Gogel made a motion to approve the claims. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

#### Highway Report

Truck Traffic on Lincoln Ave – Painter explained that he has received a complaint about Lincoln Avenue being torn up due to all of the heavy truck traffic to the old Pottery Building, now owned by Indiana Properties, Inc. Rininger asked if they need to look at widening the road or putting some shoulder rock down. Painter stated

he can patch it for now but will need to look at it again later. Logsdon stated that Major Moves money could possibly be used.

DuraPatcher – Painter stated that he is waiting on a response from Dale on if they were going to purchase the DuraPatcher from the county. Painter asked if the commissioners would be willing to let them pay for it on a payment plan. Gogel stated that since we are being given time to pay for the new patcher that we should give them some time. Logsdon suggested calling Attorney Bruce Cissna, the town council attorney, to bring before the board.

#### Santa Claus Water

Attorney Kevin Patmore and Mike Johannes presented the commissioners with an Amended Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Cooperation Agreement. Patmore and Johannes explained that a settlement agreement has been signed between Santa Claus Water and Santa La Hill. Patmore stated that Santa La Hill would like for Santa Claus Water to take them over prior to February 8<sup>th</sup>. That is the last day for Santa La Hill to file an appeal in their court case and they would like to make sure the MOU is signed and an agreement is made prior to that date. Lueken suggested tabling the proposed MOU to get copies to the council. The commissioners will have a meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> and can sign the MOU then. Lueken stated that the council can be contacted to see if they would be willing to have a special meeting to sign, since their next meeting is not scheduled until February 19<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon asked about the guaranteed payment by Koch Development. Patmore explained that it was taken out of the original agreement after the entertainment tax committee was formed. Johannes stated that a rate study is being done and all parties have agreed to abide by the study results.

Logsdon stated that the county has granted permission for Santa Claus Water to work in the county rights-of-way. He told Johannes that the county will require a road bond. Engineer Lloyd stated that she has sent the bond papers to the engineering company handling the project.

#### Common Construction Wage Hearing Appointment

Patmore requested the commissioners make appointments to the Common Construction Wage committee for the Utility Adjustment – Water and Sanitary Sewer Force Main Relocations project and for the Water Well, Transmission Line and Treatment Plant Project. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Tom Litkenhaus to both committees. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Storm Water

Lueken asked if the Town of Santa Claus adopted the county Stormwater Ordinance. Johannes stated that it has not been brought up at a meeting. Shelton was asked to re-send the ordinance.

#### Engineer Report

New Road – Engineer Lloyd stated that she spoke with the Plan Commission Administrator Theresa Cail and they both agree that the new county road which runs parallel to the new CR 231 and south of the building formerly known as the Energy Information Center should be named CR 70 East. Logsdon made a motion to name the road CR 70 E. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Asphalt Road Bonding – Lloyd stated that after reviewing the bonding requirements for the county she suggests increasing the bonding rate for asphalt roads from \$80,000 per mile to \$90,000. Lloyd will bring the papers for the commissioners to sign to the next meeting.

CR 400 E. - Logsdon stated that Calvin Evans of INDOT has contacted the county and CR 400 E will be closed. Logsdon stated that the contractor will be bringing heavy equipment and tear up the road. Lloyd and Painter stated that they have spoken with the contractor and made sure he was aware of the bond and INDOT had included the bond requirement in the project specs.

#### Legal Report

Ordinance 2008-03 – Lueken presented the commissioners with An Ordinance Establishing A Community Correction Program Income Fund and A Community Corrections Grant Fund. Logsdon made a motion to sign the ordinance as presented. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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